

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A food serving set for use in combination with a roasting oven defining an interior space having a top opening, said food serving set comprising:
a plurality of individual food containers having sealable lid members, said containers including inwardly tapering sidewalls permitting said containers to be stacked one within another; and
a supporting rack including a plurality of openings conforming to the contour of said food containers, said supporting rack being configured for detachable engagement within said top opening of said roasting oven such that said food containers are disposed within said interior space for heating of said food items.
2. The food serving set of Claim 1 wherein said supporting rack is generally rectangular in configuration having a plurality of generally rectangular openings formed therein for receiving said food containers.
3. The food serving set of Claim 2 wherein said supporting rack includes collapsing means providing for disassembly of said rack into two D-shaped end sections and a generally rectangular center section, said end sections and said center section conforming to said top opening of said roasting oven upon assembly.
4. The food serving set of Claim 3 wherein said collapsing means includes at least one slotted receptacle formed within each of said D-shaped end sections for receiving mating tabs formed on said center sections in sliding engagement.
5. The food serving set of Claim 1 wherein said supporting rack is non-collapsible.
6. The food serving set of Claim 5 wherein said supporting rack includes a pair of pivoting handles mounted on said supporting rack for lifting said serving set from said roasting oven.
7. The food serving set of Claim 6 wherein said food containers each include a pair of pivoting handles for lifting said food containers from said supporting rack.
8. The food serving set of Claim 1 wherein said supporting rack is oval in configuration having a plurality of semi-oval openings formed therein for receiving said food containers.

9. The food serving set of Claim 8 wherein said supporting rack includes collapsing means providing for disassembly of said rack into two semi-oval end sections conforming to said top opening of said roasting oven upon assembly.

10. The food serving set of Claim 9 wherein said collapsing means includes at least one slotted receptacle formed in a first semi-oval end section for receiving mating tabs formed in the mating semi-oval end section for sliding engagement therein.

11. The food serving set of Claim 8 wherein said supporting rack is non-collapsible.

12. The food serving set of Claim 11 wherein said supporting rack includes a pair of pivoting handles mounted on said supporting rack for lifting said serving set from said roasting oven.

13. An improved deep well cooker having an outer housing, a cooking well having a top opening installed within said housing, a cooking liner disposed within said cooking well, a heat source disposed in heating relation to said cooking well and a temperature control switch electrically interconnected to said heat source wherein the improvement comprises:

a food serving set including a plurality of individual food containers having integral peripheral flanges formed thereon for engaging an inner peripheral edge of said cooking liner to position said food containers within said cooker for heating of food items within said containers.

14. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 13 wherein said cooking liner is generally rectangular in configuration.

15. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 14 wherein three generally rectangular food containers including an outer pair of food containers and a center food container are arranged in side-by-side relation within said cooking liner.

16. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 15 wherein said outer pair of containers each includes a D-shaped peripheral flange and said center food container includes a rectangular peripheral flange conforming to the inner peripheral edge of said cooking liner when positioned therein.

17. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 16 wherein the lateral edges of said

rectangular peripheral flange are bent at a ninety degree offset to overlap the adjacent peripheral flanges of said outer pair of food containers to maintain said outer pair of flanges in position.

18. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 15 wherein each of said food containers includes a pair of pivoting handles for lifting said food containers from said roasting oven.

19. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 13 wherein said food containers include detachable lid members.

20. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 13 wherein said cooking liner is oval in configuration.

21. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 20 wherein two semi-oval food containers are arranged in side-by-side relation within said cooking liner.

22. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 21 wherein each of said food containers includes an integral semi-oval peripheral flange conforming to the inner peripheral edge of said cooking liner.

23. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 13 wherein three generally rectangular food containers including a single large container having an integral peripheral flange and a pair of smaller containers having integral peripheral flanges are arranged within said cooking liner.

24. The improved deep well cooker of Claim 22 wherein said single large container includes a D-shaped flange conforming to one-half of the inner peripheral edge of said cooking liner and said pair of smaller containers in combination define a D-shaped flange conforming to one-half of said inner peripheral edge of said cooking liner.